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1. EMBASSY IS QUITE FRANKLY SURPRISED AND CONFUSED BY REVISED VERSION OF "US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES" IN BAHAMAS AS CONTAINED IN REFTEL (A). SURPRISED BECAUSE SOME OF THESE SO-CALLED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES APPEAR HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME AND WITHOUT ANY CONSULTATION WITH US AND BECAUSE THEY APPEAR TO BE CONTRARY TO THE GUIDELINES CONTAINED IN REF (B). (THOSE GUIDELINES, AS INTERPRETED BY US, WOULD PRECLUDE THE LISTING OF SEVERAL OF THE GOALS LISTED IN REF (A).) WE ARE CONFUSED BECAUSE WE ARE UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE LANGUAGE OR INTENT OF ONE OF THE GOALS AND FAIL TO PERCEIVE THE RATIONALE OF SEVERAL OTHERS.

2. CONSEQUENTLY WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S
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ASSISTANCE IN INTERPRETING GOAL IA IN THE BAHAMIAN CONTEXT. IS THIS GOAL, WHATEVER ITS MEANING, IN THE DEPARTMENT'S OPINION OF "PRIME OR OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE" TO OUR RELATIONS WITH THE GCOB? GIVEN REF C, WE COULD NOT AGREE.

3. LIKewise WE DISAGREE THAT GOALS IIIC. AND IIID.

SHOULD BE INCLUDED AS THESE IN THE LANGUAGE OF REF (A) ARE "GENERAL OBJECTIVES... AND ARE PART OF EVERY AMBASSADOR'S MISSION." (THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT WE ARE ALREADY PROVIDING ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE WITH REGARD TO IIC, AND CIRCUMSTANCES AND OUR BEST EFFORTS HAVE ACHIEVED FOR THE US A 72 PERCENT SHARE OF THE BAHAMAS TOTAL IMPORTS, NOT TO MENTION APPROXIMATELY 70 PERCENT OF TOTAL FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE BAHAMAS.)

4. WITH REGARD TO IVC. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DEPARTMENT'S THINKING ON WHAT ADVANTAGES, SPECIFIC OR OTHERWISE, MIGHT ACCRUE TO US FROM THE GCOB'S BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE OAS AND WHETHER THESE ADVANTAGES ARE SUFFICIENTLY GREAT TO WARRANT THIS AS A PRIMARY GOAL, PARTICULARLY WHEN THE HIGHEST LEVEL GCOB OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO REITERATE THEIR DISINTEREST IN MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE LIKEWISE FAIL TO SEE WHY THE BAHAMAS (ALREADY A MEMBER OF UN, IADB, ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF CARICOM, PANAM HEALTH ORG. AND WHO, IMCO, IBRD, AND A WILLING PARTICIPANT IN THE CARIBBEAN CONSULTATIVE GROUP) SHOULD BE PRESSED FURTHER AND BY US "TO PARTICIPATE IN CARIBBEAN AFFAIRS," GIVEN ITS LIMITED AND ALREADY STRAINED DIPLOMATIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES AND ITS TRADITIONAL AND GENERALLY BENEFICIAL ORIENTATION.

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TION TOWARD THE US. AN "INCREASED INTERCHANGE WITH HAITI" AT THIS TIME IS TOTALLY UNREALISTIC GIVEN THE GCOB'S SERIOUS AND GROWING PROBLEM WITH ILLEGAL HAITIAN IMMIGRATION. AS IS THE CASE WITH HAITI, THERE ARE NON-EXISTENT TRADE AND CULTURAL TIES WITH DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AND WE FORESEE LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF THESE DEVELOPING IN THE SHORT OR LONG TERM. IN OUR VIEW IT IS PRESUMPTUOUS TO THINK THAT OUR "ENCOURAGEMENT" ON ANY OF THESE ISSUES WOULD BE LIKELY TO INFLUENCE BAHAMIAN PERCEPTIONS OF THEIR OWN SELF-INTEREST AND ACTIVELY TO PURSUE SUCH "ENCOURAGEMENT" GIVEN BAHAMIAN SENSITIVITIES COULD EASILY BE INTERPRETED BY THEM AS INTERFERENCE IN THEIR AFFAIRS AND THUS BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. IN ANY EVENT, TO INCLUDE SUCH ITEMS OF PERIPHERAL IMPORTANCE IN OUR LIST OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES APPEARS CONTRARY TO THE PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE AND DETRACTS FROM OUR MORE IMMEDIATE AND VALID AIMS.

5. EMBASSY WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE ASAP GIVEN FEBRUARY 20 DEADLINE REFTEL (D).

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